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State Library announces Research Library move and future Capitol Museum expansion

PHOENIX – In July 2017, the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records will begin relocating collections from the library space in the 1938 Addition of the Capitol to the Polly Rosenbaum Building adjacent to the state capitol complex.

The collection of the Research Library at the Capitol contains more than one million items, including legal materials, state publications, patent and trademark resources, and federal documents in its role as a Regional Federal Depository Library.

In keeping with the State Library's mission of "Providing Access, Preserving Arizona", this move will streamline public access to the library and archives collections in a single easily accessible location, while ensuring unique collections are preserved for the future. The full transition will take approximately one year; however, public services will not be interrupted, and Digital Arizona Library collections are always available online at www.azlibrary.gov/dazl.

Starting Monday, July 3, researchers needing materials from any of the physical collections will be able to access them in the Reading Room at the Rosenbaum building at 1901 W. Madison. Appointments are recommended, but not required, to ensure that materials are located and ready to be viewed upon arrival. Researchers will also need to bring a photo I.D. for reading room access. More information and updates about the transition and access will be posted on the website at www.azlibrary.gov.

After the materials have been moved, the former reading room at the Capitol will reopen as Arizona Capitol Museum space. Library staff will be conducting farewell behind-the-scenes tours of the Capitol library on June 19, 21, 27 and 29. Registration and additional information will be online at www.azlibrary.gov/events.

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is a division of the Arizona Department of State.

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